



**SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the <sup>☩</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*A reading from Genesis.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**<sup>6</sup>the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

**<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

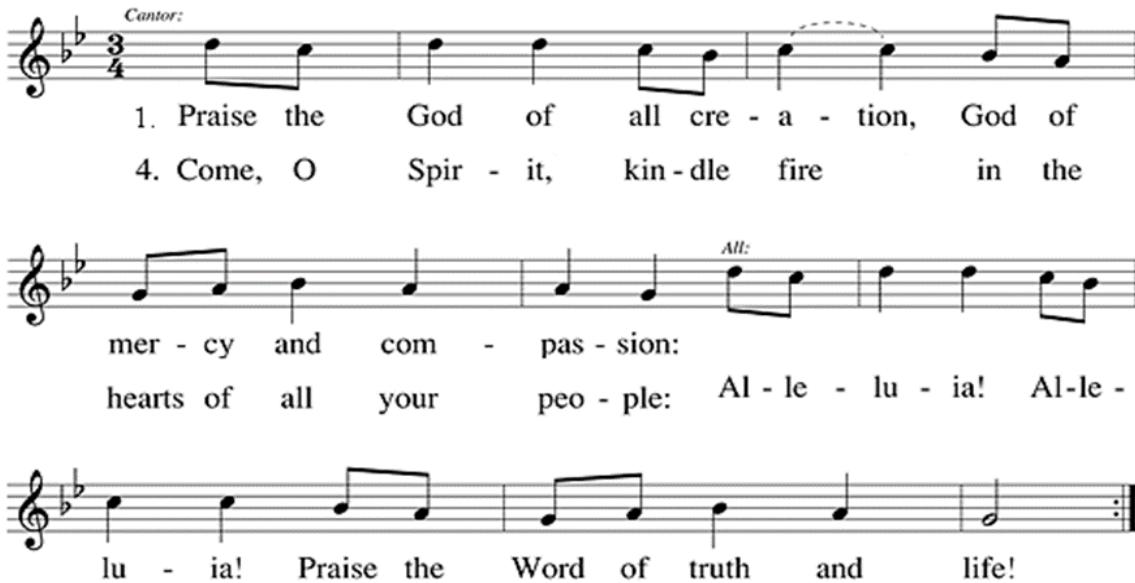
<sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John's baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Cantor:*

1. Praise the God of all cre-a-tion, God of  
4. Come, O Spir-it, kin-dle fire in the

*All:*

mer-cy and com-pas-sion:  
hearts of all your peo-ple: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

lu-ia! Praise the Word of truth and life!

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

Pastor Gregg Hoffman

1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.

Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

## APOSTLES' CREED

We now profess the faith we share, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  $\pm$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and remind all people of their Baptism, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through both creation and faithful stewards who care for all God has made, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to see one another as beloved children made in the image of their Creator, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and for all who suffer in any way especially, Vicky, Pat, Mary, Julie, Bob, Karen, Neal, Jean, Margaret, Kay, Yvonne, Eddie, Steve, John, Bea, Jack, Eric, Doug, Mary, Frank, Bill, Madeline, Theresa, Earl, Barbara, Steven, Kathy, and Ted, that God shower them with compassion, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the congregation gathered today, for students returning to their studies, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness of faith inspires us in our own baptismal vocations, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

Our Lord Jesus Christ sent forth his peace long ago, and it has continued to flow through generations of faithful followers. Today, his peace continues in you. The Peace of Christ is with you.

**And also with you. Amen.**

*At this time in our worship, we invite you to share the Peace of Christ with others.*

*Feel free to share the peace with others nearby, or, if you are alone, give someone a call after worship!*

## OFFERING

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## ANTHEM

“Come to the Water”

Kristian Stanfill  
Ensemble

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Stand)*

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**O God, receive the gifts we bring as you receive us: like a parent receives their child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.**

Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

We unite our voices in this time, joining in the prayer that our Lord taught us:

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en,  
hal - low-ed be thy name; thy king-dom come; thy  
will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for -  
give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who  
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp -  
ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
*All:*  
For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er - more. A - men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER FOR A TIME OF PANDEMIC

Living together in these days and wearied by all they demand of us; we lift our prayers and hopes to God.

**Healing Lord, you know the pain of your people. We pray for those who suffer from this pandemic. Give strength to the sick, to care providers, and to those who are harmed in any way. Console those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bless us with effective vaccines that are available to all. Make us witnesses for you in this time, so that we, your people, become a sign of Emmanuel. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit, fill you with light and hope eternal.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

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*Refrain*

Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the Darkness, shining, Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you know bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*
  
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: *Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the light of Christ for the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

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